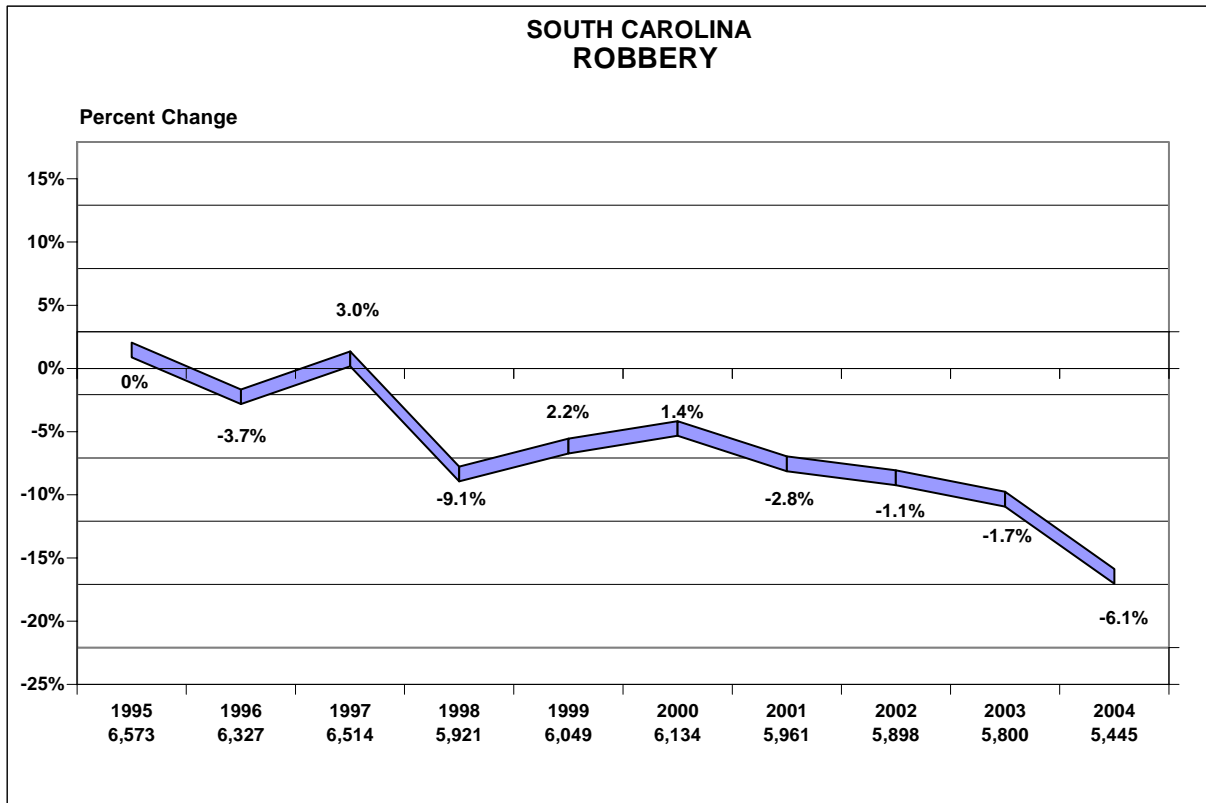


# ROBBERY

## **DEFINITION**

Robbery, for UCR purposes, is defined as the unlawful taking of the property of another through the use or threat of force. Robbery is a violent crime in which the element of personal confrontation between the victim and offender is present. Attempts to rob are included in the robbery count. Armed robberies, those involving weapons, and strong-arm robberies, those not involving weapons, make up the two major categories. One robbery is counted for each distinct operation, regardless of the number of victims present at the time.



### 2004 SUMMARY

There were 5,445 robberies reported in the 2004 crime index. During this year, robberies decreased 6.1 percent compared to those reported in 2003.

There were 1,583 robberies cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 29.1 percent statewide.

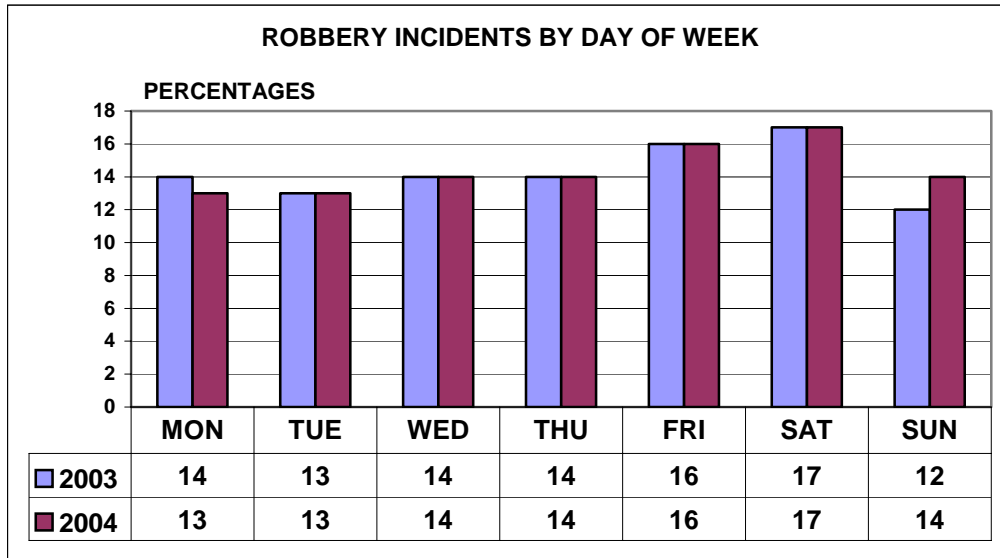
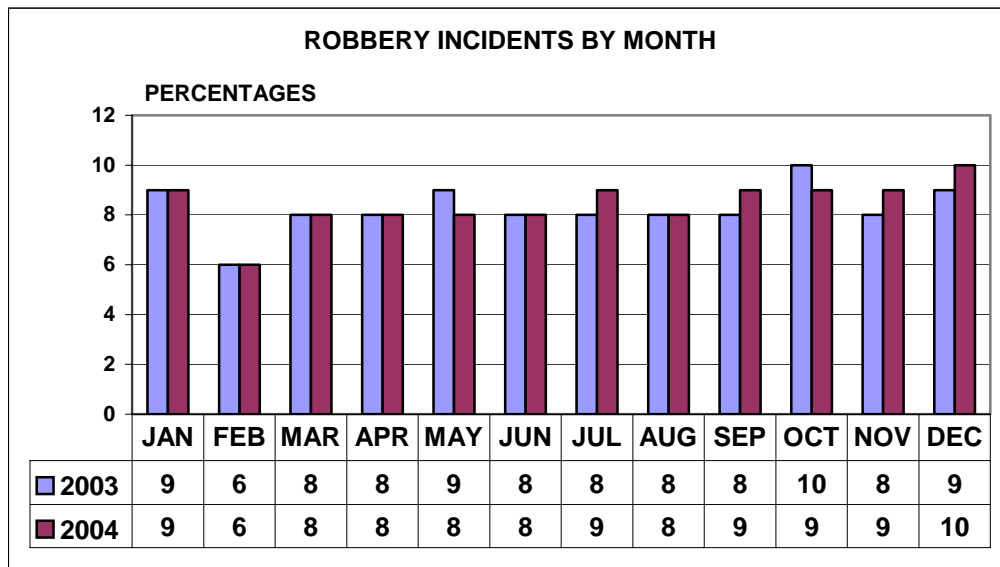
Robberies accounted for 16.6 percent of all violent crimes and 2.5 percent of the total crime index.

The robbery rate in South Carolina was 13.0 per 10,000 persons.

The age group 17-21 accounted for 35.8 percent of persons arrested for robbery, followed by 35.5 percent for 22-34 years of age. Males represented 91.9 percent of the total arrests made. Of all persons arrested for robbery, 22.0 percent were white, 77.9 percent were black, and 0.1 percent were other races.

Firearms were used in 50.4 percent of all robberies, cutting instruments in 8.7 percent, hands and feet in 31.3 percent, other weapons in 5.7 percent, and unknown weapons in 3.8 percent.

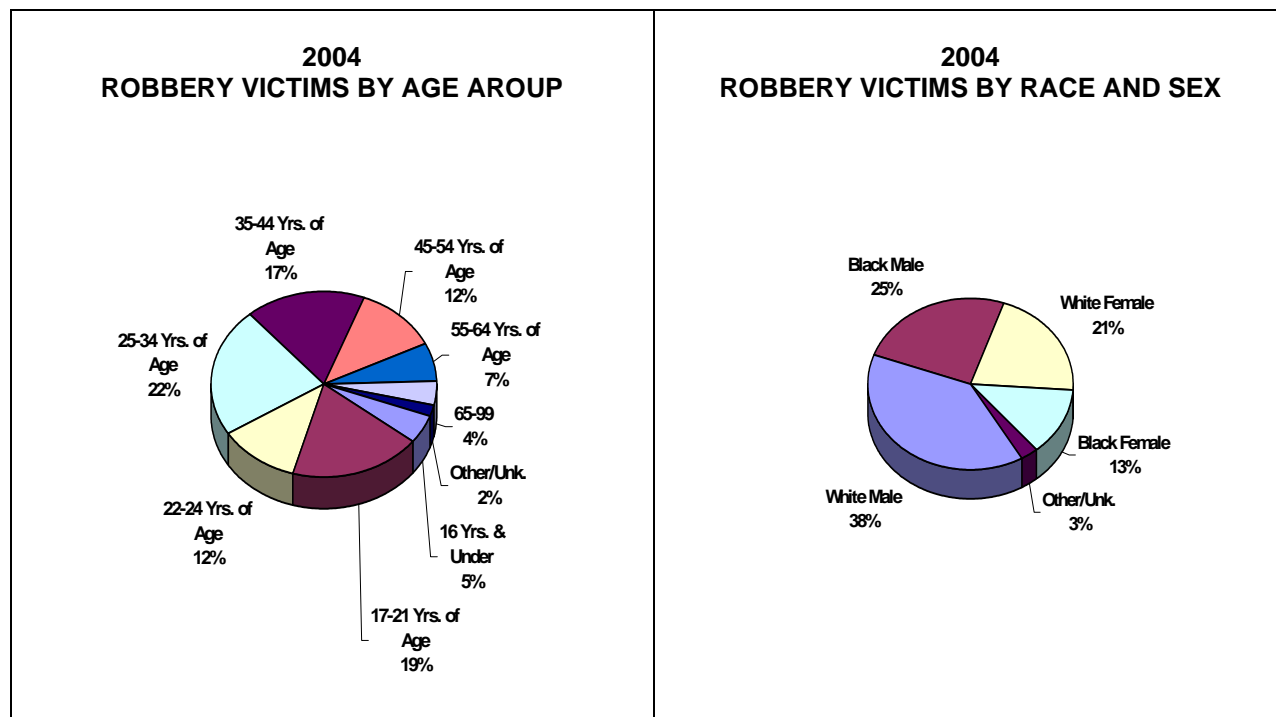
The greatest number of robberies reported for any premise type occurred on streets and highways, accounting for 30.4 percent of the total.



### 2004 ROBBERY VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX, RACE

| Age Group          | Total        | White Male   | Black Male   | Other Male | Unk Male  | White Female | Black Female | Other Female | Unk Female | Unk Unk   |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 01 – 04            | 22           | 5            | 7            | 0          | 0         | 3            | 7            | 0            | 0          | 0         |
| 05 – 09            | 28           | 6            | 12           | 0          | 0         | 1            | 9            | 0            | 0          | 0         |
| 10 – 16            | 286          | 129          | 106          | 1          | 0         | 23           | 25           | 1            | 1          | 0         |
| 17 – 21            | 1,301        | 535          | 346          | 7          | 3         | 247          | 157          | 5            | 1          | 0         |
| 22 – 24            | 804          | 312          | 187          | 11         | 1         | 147          | 143          | 3            | 0          | 0         |
| 25 – 34            | 1,543        | 640          | 333          | 25         | 3         | 301          | 218          | 18           | 2          | 3         |
| 35 – 44            | 1,177        | 424          | 300          | 22         | 5         | 261          | 151          | 11           | 3          | 0         |
| 45 – 54            | 820          | 274          | 221          | 16         | 0         | 215          | 86           | 6            | 1          | 1         |
| 55 – 64            | 448          | 187          | 92           | 6          | 0         | 127          | 31           | 5            | 0          | 0         |
| 65 – 99            | 296          | 115          | 64           | 1          | 1         | 87           | 25           | 3            | 0          | 0         |
| Other/Unk.         | 130          | 43           | 22           | 2          | 5         | 24           | 13           | 1            | 10         | 10        |
| <b>State Total</b> | <b>6,855</b> | <b>2,670</b> | <b>1,690</b> | <b>91</b>  | <b>18</b> | <b>1,436</b> | <b>865</b>   | <b>53</b>    | <b>18</b>  | <b>14</b> |

**NOTE:** The victim counts shown here have not been subjected to the “hierarchy rule” (explained elsewhere); therefore, all victims linked to this offense type are counted.

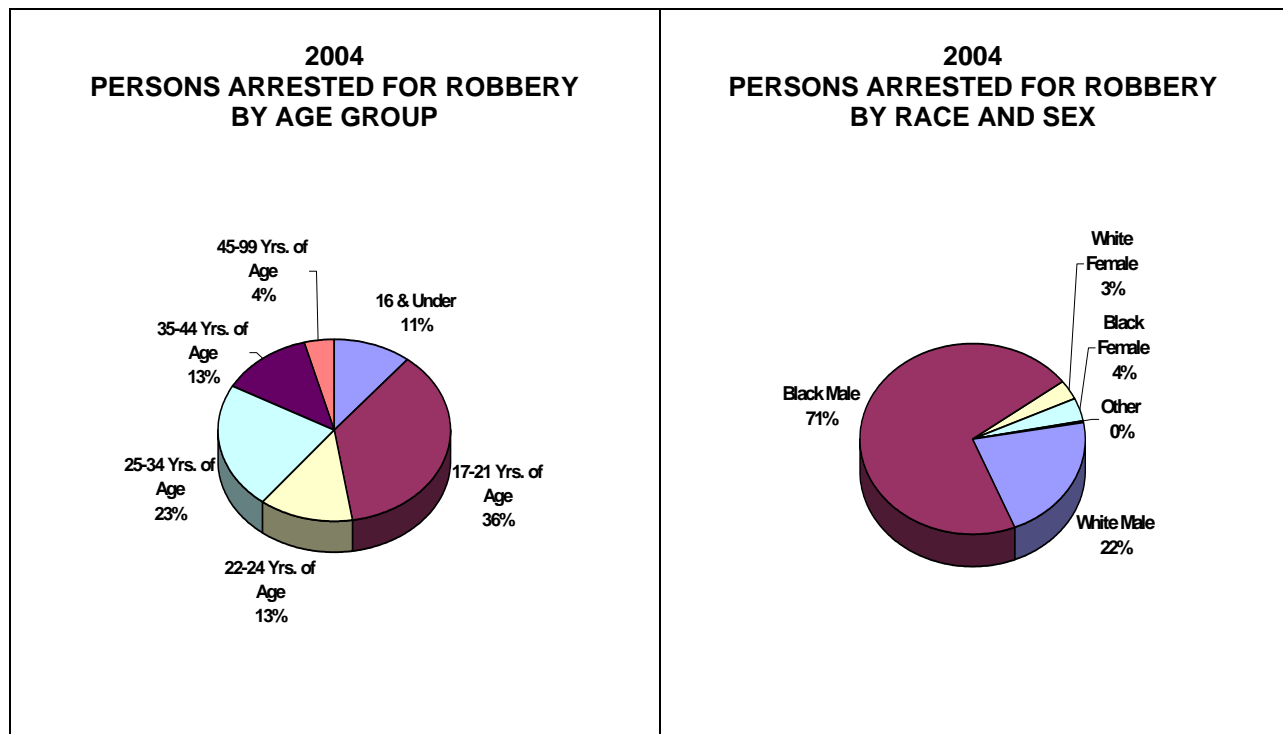


Thirty-nine percent of robbery victims in 2004 were white males, 25 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 25 percent were black males, 28 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. Twenty-one percent of robbery victims were white females, 19 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 13 percent were black females, 23 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger.

### 2004 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY BY AGE, SEX, RACE

| Age Group          | Total        | White Male | Black Male   | Other Male | White Female | Black Female | Other Female |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 01 – 09            | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| 10 – 16            | 193          | 22         | 160          | 1          | 3            | 7            | 0            |
| 17 – 21            | 652          | 100        | 513          | 1          | 19           | 19           | 0            |
| 22 – 24            | 231          | 61         | 152          | 1          | 5            | 12           | 0            |
| 25 – 34            | 401          | 111        | 256          | 1          | 16           | 16           | 1            |
| 35 – 44            | 226          | 64         | 134          | 0          | 15           | 13           | 0            |
| 45 – 54            | 72           | 25         | 45           | 0          | 1            | 1            | 0            |
| 55 – 64            | 3            | 0          | 2            | 0          | 0            | 1            | 0            |
| 65 – 99            | 1            | 1          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0            | 0            |
| <b>State Total</b> | <b>1,779</b> | <b>384</b> | <b>1,262</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>59</b>    | <b>69</b>    | <b>1</b>     |

**NOTE:** The arrest counts shown here have not been subjected to the “hierarchy rule” (explained elsewhere); therefore, all persons arrested that are linked to this offense type are counted.



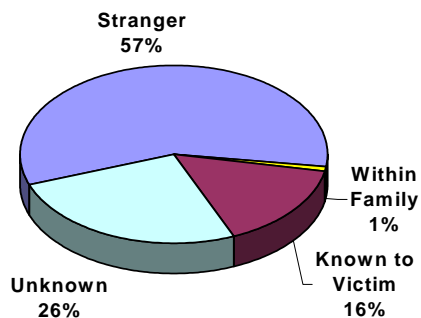
Twenty-two percent of persons arrested for robbery in 2004 were white males, 32 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 71 percent were black males, 53 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 3 percent of persons arrested for robbery, while black females accounted for 4 percent. Thirty-seven percent of the white females and 38 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

### 2002-2004 RELATIONSHIP OF ROBBERY VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS

| Relationship Of Victim To Offender | Number of Victims 2002 | % Distr.     | Number of Victims 2003 | % Distr.     | Number of Victims 2004 | % Distr.     |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Within Family</b>               | <b>76</b>              | <b>1.0</b>   | <b>56</b>              | <b>0.8</b>   | <b>54</b>              | <b>0.8</b>   |
| Spouse                             | 13                     | 0.2          | 6                      | 0.08         | 5                      | 0.07         |
| Common-Law Spouse                  | 4                      | 0.05         | 4                      | 0.05         | 3                      | 0.04         |
| Parent, Stepparent                 | 14                     | 0.2          | 16                     | 0.2          | 14                     | 0.2          |
| Child, Stepchild                   | 4                      | 0.05         | 1                      | 0.01         | 5                      | 0.07         |
| Sibling, Stepsib.                  | 17                     | 0.2          | 8                      | 0.1          | 4                      | 0.06         |
| Other Family                       | 24                     | 0.3          | 21                     | 0.3          | 23                     | 0.3          |
| <b>Known to Victim</b>             | <b>1,192</b>           | <b>16.1</b>  | <b>1,092</b>           | <b>14.9</b>  | <b>1,082</b>           | <b>15.8</b>  |
| Acquaintance                       | 1,123                  | 15.1         | 1,052                  | 14.4         | 1,040                  | 15.2         |
| Ex-Spouse                          | 3                      | 0.04         | 3                      | 0.4          | 2                      | 0.03         |
| Boy/Girlfriend                     | 66                     | 0.9          | 37                     | 0.5          | 40                     | 0.6          |
| <b>Stranger</b>                    | <b>4,160</b>           | <b>56.0</b>  | <b>4,475</b>           | <b>61.3</b>  | <b>3,806</b>           | <b>55.5</b>  |
| <b>Unknown</b>                     | <b>1,994</b>           | <b>26.9</b>  | <b>1,683</b>           | <b>23.0</b>  | <b>1,913</b>           | <b>27.9</b>  |
| <b>State Total</b>                 | <b>7,422</b>           | <b>100.0</b> | <b>7,306</b>           | <b>100.0</b> | <b>6,855</b>           | <b>100.0</b> |

**NOTE:** The victim counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere), therefore, all victims linked to this offense type are counted. For simplicity, only one relationship category has been counted for each victim. (If there was more than one offender related to a victim, only the relationship "closest" to that victim was counted.)

**2002-2004  
ROBBERY BY RELATIONSHIP  
(Victim to Offender)**

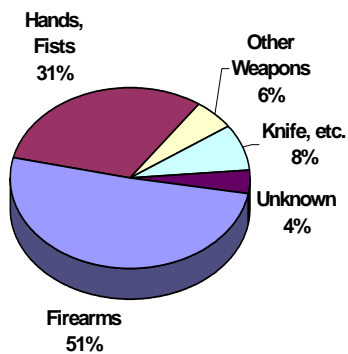


### 2002-2004 ROBBERY INCIDENT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

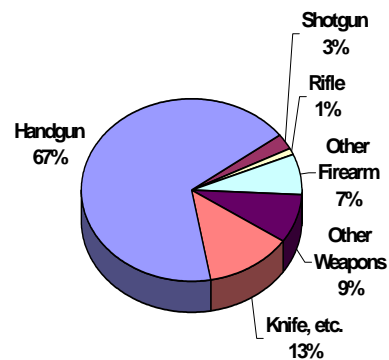
| <b>Weapons</b>        | <b>2002<br/>Incidents</b> | <b>%<br/>Distr.</b> | <b>2003<br/>Incidents</b> | <b>%<br/>Distr.</b> | <b>2004<br/>Incidents</b> | <b>%<br/>Distr.</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Handgun               | 2,631                     | 44.0                | 2,596                     | 44.3                | 2,328                     | 42.3                |
| Shotgun               | 102                       | 1.7                 | 112                       | 1.9                 | 114                       | 2.1                 |
| Rifle                 | 49                        | 0.8                 | 42                        | 0.7                 | 30                        | 0.5                 |
| Other Firearm         | 239                       | 4.0                 | 252                       | 4.3                 | 302                       | 5.5                 |
| Knife, Cutting Instr. | 493                       | 8.3                 | 461                       | 7.9                 | 481                       | 8.7                 |
| Hands, Fists          | 1,838                     | 30.8                | 1,832                     | 31.3                | 1,719                     | 31.3                |
| Other Weapons         | 333                       | 5.6                 | 322                       | 5.5                 | 314                       | 5.7                 |
| Unknown               | 289                       | 4.8                 | 241                       | 4.1                 | 211                       | 3.8                 |
| <b>State Total</b>    | <b>5,974</b>              | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>5,858</b>              | <b>100.0</b>        | <b>5,499</b>              | <b>100.0</b>        |

**NOTE:** The incident counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere), therefore, all incidents in this category are counted. For simplicity, only one weapon type has been counted for each incident. (If there was more than one weapon type used in an incident, only the primary weapon - as listed in order in this table - was counted.)

**2002-2004  
ROBBERY INCIDENT  
WEAPON DISTRIBUTION**



**2002-2004  
ARMED ROBBERY INCIDENT  
WEAPON DISTRIBUTION**



### 2002-2004 ROBBERY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

| Premise                   | 2002<br>Incidents | %<br>Distr.  | 2003<br>Incidents | %<br>Distr.  | 2004<br>Incidents | %<br>Distr.  |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Residences, Apts.         | 1,418             | 23.7         | 1,288             | 22.0         | 1,361             | 24.7         |
| Roads, Parking Lots, etc. | 1,746             | 29.2         | 1,886             | 32.1         | 1,672             | 30.4         |
| Commercial                | 1,114             | 18.6         | 964               | 16.5         | 892               | 16.2         |
| Nightclubs, Bars          | 99                | 1.7          | 106               | 1.8          | 98                | 1.8          |
| Hotels, Motels            | 278               | 4.7          | 244               | 4.2          | 219               | 4.0          |
| Convenience Stores, etc.  | 785               | 13.1         | 850               | 14.5         | 803               | 14.6         |
| Schools, Churches         | 76                | 1.3          | 67                | 1.1          | 71                | 1.3          |
| Woods, etc.               | 66                | 1.1          | 80                | 1.4          | 64                | 1.2          |
| Other                     | 392               | 6.6          | 373               | 6.4          | 319               | 5.8          |
| <b>State Total</b>        | <b>5,974</b>      | <b>100.0</b> | <b>5,858</b>      | <b>100.0</b> | <b>5,499</b>      | <b>100.0</b> |

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### 2002-2004 ROBBERY INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

